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Thesis Statement

**The Bronx Bombers**

America’s national past time is known as baseball. It has been and will always be our past time. I have grown up loving the game and being a spectator as well. It has developed into a game of excitement and drama. Baseball has changed from time to time though, especially in the 1990s where we saw a team unmitigatedly dominate the entire baseball world.

In the decade of destruction, of the baseball salary and strikes that made baseball come to a halt at points in time; a team rose above all and showed us that one team can dominate. This juggernaut is the New York Yankees.

The Yankees have showcased some of the greats that have played baseball such as the likes of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio and many, many more. They have changed the way that teams play baseball and the strategic outlook of the game has succumbed to dramatic transformations. (MLB Advanced Media)

After the 1995 season Steinbrenner replaced Showalter with Joe Torre. Torre had a mediocre run as a manager in the National League, and the choice was initially derided ("Clueless Joe" ran the headline on the [*New York Daily News*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Daily_News)*)*. However, his calm demeanor proved to be a good fit, and his tenure was the longest under George Steinbrenner's ownership. (Wikimedia Foundation)

The year 1996 saw the rise of three Yankees who would form the core of the team for years to come: rookie shortstop [Derek Jeter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derek_Jeter), rookie catcher [Jorge Posada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jorge_Posada), and second-year pitcher [Mariano Rivera](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mariano_Rivera), who served as [setup man](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Setup_man) in 1996 before becoming [closer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Closer_(baseball)) in 1997. Aided by these young players, the Yankees won their first AL East title in 15 years in [1996](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_Major_League_Baseball_season). They defeated the [Texas Rangers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_Texas_Rangers_season) in the [ALDS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_American_League_Division_Series), and in the [ALCS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_American_League_Championship_Series) beat the [Baltimore Orioles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_Baltimore_Orioles_season) in five games, which included a notable fan interference by young [Jeffrey Maier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeffrey_Maier) that was called as a home run for the Yankees. Maier reached over the fence and caught the ball, pushing it over the fence and putting a run on the board for the Yankees. In the World Series the Yankees came back from a 0-2 series deficit and beat the defending champion Atlanta Braves. In 1996 Derek Jeter was named rookie of the year. (Nemec & Wisnia, 2002)

The next season the Yankees couldn’t reach the world stage again when they lost to the Cleveland Indians. This was not the last time the world would see the Yankees achieve the feat as being named World Champions.

In a season that many experts claimed was the greatest in major-league history, it made sense that one team was among the all-time best. The 1998 edition of the New York Yankees was two years and many players removed from the ’96 World Series title, but after an 0-3 start the former champs won 22 of the next 25 games to leave no doubt that they were primed for another run at glory. (Wikimedia Foundation)

The Yankees went on to win 114 games and the World Series in 1998 beginning a new dynasty that all baseball fans would see as glorious in the years that follow.

From 1998 through 2000 the Yankees won three World Series titles. In 1998 they humiliate the San Diego Padres by sweeping them, in 1999 they defeated the Atlanta Braves and in 2000 they defeated the New York Mets in the first ever Subway Series World Series. (MLB Advanced Media)

In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, the Yankees defeated the Oakland A’s in the ALDS, and the Seattle Mariners in the ALCS. The team known as the “Brooklyn Bombers” seemed almost pertinacious and had a boisterous attitude. The Yankees organization, the fans, and the players were not afraid to speak out towards other teams and stand up for one another. They all thought that they would win yet another World Series title and be crowned the “greatest” dynasty ever. (Nemec & Wisnia, 2002)

The Yankees left a path of destruction when they played in the postseason, they absolutely annihilated almost every team they faced, except when they got to the 2001 World Series and had to face the almost equipotential Arizona Diamondbacks.

The 2001 World Series was one of exceptional individuality when it came to the game of baseball and the World Series itself. Every game ended up being decided in the ninth inning and in every game the home team won.

In game 7 of the World Series Mariano Rivera, an almost God-like figure in baseball, faltered and stumbled on the mound. When he let up the game winning run and uncharacteristically blew a save. (Wikimedia Foundation)

In conclusion, I have grown up watching baseball and I can remember how the Yankees dominated the entire baseball world. They indubitably prevailed over every team that they faced. The New York Yankees created a dynasty that was no where being soporific and we will all remember it. They average a World Series title every 4 years and a World Series appearance every 2.7 seasons. The Yankees have won a leading 27 World Series in 40 appearances; I watched them win the 2009 World Series against the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies. Among North American sports, in general, the Yankees’ success is only approached by the 24 Stanley Cup championships of the Montreal Canadians of the National Hockey League. Finally, one of the most shocking statistics is that they have played in the World Series against every team in the National League pennant winner except the Houston Astros and the Colorado Rockies; a feat that no other team is even close to matching.

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